

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising  
at least 24 contiguous bases of nucleotide sequence first  
5 disclosed in the NHP gene described in SEQ ID NO: 1.

2. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising  
a nucleotide sequence that:

- 10 (a) encodes the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ  
ID NO: 2; and  
(b) hybridizes under stringent conditions to the  
nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or the  
complement thereof.

15 5. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising  
a nucleotide sequence encoding the amino acid sequence shown  
in SEQ ID NO:2.